



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
Division of Community and Public Health  
Section for Disease Control and Environmental Epidemiology  
Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis

## **HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral Program QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

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January – March 2007

### **CTR Updates**

Our Spring Quality Assurance visits are completed. We are happy to report that all sites visited resulted with positive reviews and minimal recommendations. We are thankful for all your hard work and effort to make the CTR Program a success.

**REMINDER: Outreach calendars** – At the Annual Meeting in January, Melissa VanDyne went over changes to the HIV Prevention contract deliverables. One of those changes is that a calendar of planned outreach events is to be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month for the following month's activities.

**2.3.24 or 2.3.25 - By no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of each calendar month, the Contractor shall provide the Department with a calendar of events for the upcoming month itemizing each specific event scheduled by the Contractor. The calendar must include the event, time of the event, and place of the event.**

You can e-mail your monthly calendar to Cheryl Blaise and/or Sonya Henson.

**AS ALWAYS – Contact Cheryl or Sonya ASAP if you have any OraSure or OraQuick test kits that will expire and you will not be able to use!**

### **STDs**

**Syphilis Outbreak Status Update** - The following statistics are based on provisional data for January 1 through March 31, 2007.

- St. Louis City has reported 9 cases of early syphilis.
- St. Louis County has reported 8 cases of early syphilis.
- Kansas City has reported 33 cases of early syphilis.
- Eastern District has reported 0 cases of early syphilis.
- Southeast District has reported 0 cases of early syphilis.
- Southwest District has reported 1 cases of early syphilis.
- Central District has reported 3 cases of early syphilis.
- Northwest District has reported 3 cases of early syphilis.

For more information on syphilis outbreaks or numbers, please contact Melissa VanDyne, State Syphilis Elimination Coordinator, at (573) 751-6129.

# For Review

- ✓ [\\*SEE ATTACHED - 2007 Revised Treatment Recommendations for Uncomplicated Gonococcal Infections of the Cervix, Urethra, and Rectum.](#)

# Lab Notes

OraSure testing at the State Public Health Laboratory – be sure to notify Sonya and Cheryl by e-mail regarding the date and number of specimens being sent to the state laboratory for testing. An e-mail was sent out to all lead agencies on 4-18-07 to review the notification process now required when submitting OraSure specimens for testing and why this process has again been put into place. If you did not receive this e-mail, please let Cheryl or Sonya know and it will be resent to you.

## STATE PUBLIC HEALTH LAB CONTACT INFORMATION

Dana Strobe <a href="mailto:dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov">dana.strobe@dhss.mo.gov</a> PH: 573-751-0633	Technical questions on test procedures Test result interpretation Problems obtaining supplies
Jeremy Wilson or Sheryl Coons <a href="mailto:jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov">jeremy.wilson@dhss.mo.gov</a> or <a href="mailto:sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov">sheryl.coons@dhss.mo.gov</a> PH: 573-751-4441	SPHL Rapid HIV Testing Contact Technical questions on rapid HIV test procedures Rapid test result interpretation
Theresa Cunningham <a href="mailto:theresa.cunningham@dhss.mo.gov">theresa.cunningham@dhss.mo.gov</a> PH: 573-526-8169	Statistics
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# Statistics

Missouri CTR* Report		
1st Quarter - 2007		
(Blood and Oral numbers based on State Public Health Laboratory reports. Rapid numbers based on site reports.)		
	# Tests	# Positive
January - Blood	2014	14
January - Oral	206	1
January - Rapid	377	9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2597</b>	<b>24</b>
February - Blood	2107	9
February - Oral	237	2
February - Rapid	370	12
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2714</b>	<b>23</b>
March - Blood	2417	8
March - Oral	291	1
March - Rapid	400	14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3108</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>QUARTERLY TOTAL</b>	<b>8419</b>	<b>70</b>
*CTR sites include those sites funded for CTR services and the agencies they subcontract with or provide testing supplies to (23 sites).		

# Upcoming Events

May 19, 2007	National Asian/Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
Last week of May	OraQuick order will be placed and shipment should arrive in June.
June 27, 2007	National HIV Testing Day

# Contact Information

## State CTR Program Contact Information

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<p><b>Sonya Henson</b> CTR Quality Assurance Coordinator <a href="mailto:sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov">sonya.henson@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6292 FAX: 573-751-6417</p>	<p><b>Data and Statistical needs</b> <b>Quality assurance visits/questions</b></p>
<p><b>Karla Holzer</b> Office Support Assistant <a href="mailto:karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov">karla.holzer@dhss.mo.gov</a> Ph: 573-751-6120 FAX: 573-526-0235</p>	<p><b>Ordering of scan forms</b></p>

# Training Calendar

## 2007 HIV Training Calendar

### Oral Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 22, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	December 22, 2006
February 20, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 19, 2007
April 9, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	March 9, 2007
May 22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	April 20, 2007
July 16, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	June 15, 2007
August 28, 2007	Independence, Missouri	July 27, 2007
October 15, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	September 14, 2007
November 6, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 5, 2007

### HIV Prevention Counseling

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
January 23-24, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	December 22, 2006
February 21-22, 2007	Independence, Missouri	January 19, 2007
April 10-11, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	March 9, 2007
May 23-24, 2007	Independence, Missouri	April 20, 2007
July 17-18, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	June 15, 2007
August 29-30, 2007	Independence, Missouri	July 27, 2007
October 16-17, 2007	St. Louis, Missouri	September 14, 2007
November 7-8, 2007	Independence, Missouri	October 5, 2007

### Rapid Test Method\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 13, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
September 18, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

### HIV Positives and Their Partners\*

Dates	Location	Registration Deadline
March 14-15, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	February 19, 2007
September 19-20, 2007	Jefferson City, Missouri	August 27, 2007

#### \*Prerequisite – HIV Prevention Counseling

**Oral Test Method - May be taken in conjunction with HIV Prevention Counseling**

**Rapid Test Method - Must be taken in conjunction with HIV Positives and Their Partners**

For information or to register for these trainings, please call (573) 522-9071 or toll-free (866) 628-9891. Confirmation letters will be sent to all training participants approximately two weeks prior to the date of the course. Class size is limited, so please register early. The Department of Health and Senior Services reserves the right to cancel a training; if so, participants will be notified.

Note: These trainings are offered free of charge. Transportation, lodging, and/or meals will be on your own.

**Department of Health and Senior Services**

# Training Updates

## Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis HIV Trainings Available

### **HIV Prevention Counseling (HPC)**

This course is designed to develop a counselor's proficiency in conducting HIV Prevention Counseling. The focus of this course is to enable counselors to more effectively support clients to 1) identify their personal HIV risk behavior and circumstances; 2) identify specific risk reduction goals; and 3) develop a realistic, personalized action plan to achieve these goals. One unit of this course will focus on hepatitis and other STDs and how they are related to HIV transmission. A prerequisite for this course is basic HIV knowledge.

### **Oral Test Method (OTM)**

This course prepares participants to collect oral specimens for HIV antibody detection and to educate clients about the oral test method. Participants will build skills in specimen collection by performing an oral test. A prerequisite for this course is attendance at HPC training and an approved plan to use this method of testing. (Attendance may be in conjunction with HPC.)

### **HIV Positives and Their Partners (Partner Counseling and Referral Services)**

This course is designed for selected staff in agencies that deliver positive HIV results to clients. The curriculum focuses on services for individuals recently diagnosed with HIV and their sex and needle-sharing partners. Participants will build skills in partner elicitation, partner counseling, and referral service provision. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **HIV Rapid Test Method**

This course prepares the participant to collect oral or blood specimens for rapid HIV antibody detection. A prerequisite for this course is HPC and HIV Positives and Their Partners (PCRS) and participants must be registered by the counseling, testing, and referral site (lead agency) in their area of the state.

### **Registrations**

All registrations must go through the Bureau of HIV, STD, and Hepatitis staff, with priority given to contracted agencies with the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. All courses have limited space available and are offered free of charge.

**Registration deadlines will be strictly adhered to so early registration is recommended.**

# Rapid Testing Sites

<p>St. Louis Metro Center Counseling &amp; Testing 634 N. Grand St. Louis, MO 63112 PH: 314-612-5885 Contact: Dale Wrigley <a href="mailto:WrigleyDr@stlouiscity.com">WrigleyDr@stlouiscity.com</a></p>	<p>Kansas City Health Department 2400 Troost Kansas City, MO 64108 PH: 816-513-6074 Contact: Dinyelle Baker <a href="mailto:Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org">Dinyelle_Baker@kcmo.org</a></p>
<p>Columbia-Boone Co. Health Dept. 1005 W. Worley, PO Box 6015 Columbia, MO 65205-6015 PH: 573-874-7536 Contact: Bill Monroe <a href="mailto:BKM@gocolumbiamo.com">BKM@gocolumbiamo.com</a></p>	<p>Springfield-Greene Co. Health Dept. 227 E. Chestnut Expressway Springfield, MO 65802 PH: 417-864-1303 Contact: Robin Alton <a href="mailto:Ralton@ci.springfield.mo.us">Ralton@ci.springfield.mo.us</a></p>
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